



# Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 17, 2013

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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. The weather this week was mostly sunny. Temperatures ranged from the low 20's to the low 60's. Harvest is near completion and winter grains are looking good. Reports are generally high for corn and soybean yields all over the state. Corn harvest has slowed down this week due to the lack of storage. Winter wheat planting is nearing completion. Looking to the week ahead, temperatures in Pennsylvania range from the high 20's to the high 50's with rain showers towards the end of the week. Field activities for the week include harvesting corn and soybeans, planting winter wheat, applying fertilizer, mowing pastures, spraying herbicides and pesticides and applying lime to fields.

### PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 17, 2013

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0%	4%	84%	12%

**Crop Progress:** Fall plowing is 92% plowed, which is ahead of progress at this time last year of 91% and the 5-year average of 85% plowed. Corn harvested is 86% harvested, which is behind progress at this time last year of 89% but ahead of the 5-year average of 82% harvested. Winter wheat is 96% planted, which is ahead of progress at this time last year of 95% and the 5-year average of 95% planted. Winter wheat is 81% emerged, which is ahead of progress at this time last year of 78% but behind of the 5-year average of 83% planted. Soybeans are 90% harvested, which is ahead of progress at this time last year of 89% and the 5-year average of 84% harvested.

**Crop Condition:** Winter Wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 1% poor, 1% fair, 73% good, and 25% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 6% very poor, 16% poor, 46% fair, 25% good and 7% excellent.

**Nationwide as of November 10, 2013:** Cooler conditions blanketed much of country during the week, although unseasonably warm weather dominated the Florida. Most notably, average temperatures were more than 5°F below normal in portions of the northern Great Plains. Precipitation totals for much of the country were below average, but portions of the central Great Plains and western Corn Belt reported more than 2 inches of rain. Corn: Nationally, 84 percent of the corn was harvested by week's end, 13 percentage points behind last year but 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. In North Dakota, farmers harvested 17 percent of their corn for grain during the week, advancing the harvest to 64 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans: Ninety-one percent of the soybean crop was harvested by week's end, 4 percentage points behind last year and slightly behind the 5-year average. Kentucky farmers harvested 15 percent of their soybean crop during the week but still lag behind the 5-year average by 20 percentage points. Winter Wheat: By November 10, producers had sown 95 percent of the nation's intended 2014 acreage, slightly ahead of last year's pace and 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Nationally, 84 percent of the winter wheat was emerged by week's end, 6 percentage points ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Overall, 65 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, up 2 percentage points from ratings last week and 29 percentage points better than the same time last year.

## Weather Data For Week Ending November 17, 2013

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 17, 2013					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
<b>Northwest</b>												
Erie	60	30	43	-2	0.73	4	37.69	9.03	103	3,050	403	5,067
Franklin_AG	59	26	37	-5	0.65	3	31.05	1.02	108	2,805	396	4,750
Meadville-Port	58	25	39	-2	0.63	5	30.28	-0.33	111	2,885	681	4,869
Clarion	57	23	35	-6	0.46	3	31.99	0.70	110	2,438	19	4,342
Springboro	57	26	37	-7	0.71	4	38.83	11.24	107	2,483	-104	4,399
Warren	59	24	37	-4	0.55	4	26.39	-4.13	104	2,628	305	4,564
<b>North Central</b>												
Bradford Region	56	20	35	-2	0.44	5	26.07	-4.11	117	2,303	648	4,202
Oswayo	58	17	33	-5	0.46	3	26.07	-2.79	95	1,943	107	3,769
Kane	58	23	35	-3	0.58	4	29.93	-1.01	103	1,959	345	3,797
Laporte	53	17	33	-9	0.24	3	34.12	6.16	98	2,164	-213	4,041
Lock Haven	58	22	37	-5	0.04	1	23.10	-4.29	84	2,930	399	4,907
Coudersport_1SW	57	20	33	-5	0.24	3	27.88	-0.98	112	2,058	222	3,905
Renovo	60	24	38	-5	0.08	1	22.40	-4.99	84	2,919	388	4,906
Ridgway	60	23	36	-4	0.36	2	28.34	-1.33	103	2,382	497	4,274
Stevenson Dam	58	23	37	-2	0.24	2	24.21	-5.46	81	2,695	810	4,638
Towanda	58	22	37	-4	0.19	3	24.80	1.42	79	2,619	221	4,572
Wellsboro	56	17	35	-4	0.17	2	27.38	4.01	96	2,104	324	3,991
Williamsport	59	21	40	-3	0.03	2	20.95	-6.65	75	3,277	485	5,334
<b>Northeast</b>												
Hawley	60	20	35	-6	0.19	2	29.49	2.98	87	2,337	296	4,227
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	60	22	40	-3	0.16	4	17.89	-7.67	78	3,156	509	5,195
Susquehanna	58	20	36	-3	0.26	3	30.82	2.17	78	2,462	539	4,396
<b>West Central</b>												
Butler	59	24	37	-6	0.33	3	29.98	2.00	104	2,770	267	4,721
New Castle	59	24	38	-4	0.58	3	28.10	2.29	95	2,874	368	4,847
Slippery Rock	61	25	38	-3	0.38	2	28.39	0.75	89	2,969	727	4,942
<b>Central</b>												
Altoona/Blair	58	27	41	-3	0.10	2	21.18	-3.77	95	3,067	402	5,113
DuBois	59	24	39	-2	0.17	2	23.46	-4.71	90	2,856	579	4,837
Lewistown	61	25	41	-3	0.03	1	22.78	-3.93	81	3,313	383	5,383
Middletown	59	27	42	-4	0.04	2	29.65	3.00	86	3,649	320	5,771
Prince Gallitzi	59	24	37	-4	0.72	2	25.87	-5.88	89	2,608	479	4,556
Selinsgrove	59	23	38	-5	0.03	2	28.13	0.31	78	3,004	284	5,029
State College	57	27	40	-3	0.05	1	26.11	0.87	82	2,964	353	4,980
<b>East Central</b>												
Allentown-Bethel	60	23	41	-4	0.03	1	31.47	2.58	78	3,364	325	5,454
Lehighton	54	22	37	-8	0.06	2	29.38	0.48	79	2,735	-192	4,750
Matamoras	59	23	39	-3	0.10	2	30.66	1.43	83	2,881	268	4,909
MT_Pocono	56	19	37	0	0.06	2	32.33	0.68	78	2,419	674	4,340
<b>Southwest</b>												
Pittsburgh/Alle	61	25	41	-2	0.25	3	28.13	1.94	95	3,389	697	5,458
Indiana_PA	61	24	40	-4	0.27	2	30.36	-0.17	112	2,996	388	4,999
Myersdale	60	21	36	-6	0.17	3	29.36	-0.28	107	2,306	-192	4,207
Chalk_Hill	60	19	33	-11	0.49	2	35.74	7.08	106	2,338	-544	4,229
Pittsburgh Intl	60	22	40	-3	0.17	3	24.94	0.65	91	3,375	555	5,423
Connellsville	64	22	38	-6	0.26	3	35.36	6.70	126	3,124	242	5,142
Waynesburg	62	19	37	-6	0.35	4	26.93	0.44	105	2,901	304	4,889
<b>South Central</b>												
Biglerville	59	25	42	-5	0.08	2	27.56	2.15	79	3,367	111	5,458
Everett	59	20	38	-5	0.02	1	20.80	-3.75	87	2,689	31	4,670
Hanover	59	25	40	-6	0.05	2	27.00	1.59	91	3,258	2	5,336
Harrisburg_AP	58	25	43	-3	0.04	2	29.56	2.91	87	3,632	293	5,762
South Mountain	57	25	38	-5	0.09	1	31.33	6.38	89	2,641	-12	4,623
York	60	21	42	-4	0.03	2	32.43	5.54	84	3,391	137	5,483
<b>Southeast</b>												
Green Lane	58	25	41	-4	0.11	2	30.81	2.77	82	3,313	421	5,412
Hamburg	58	25	39	-3	0.01	1	28.12	-4.43	89	3,257	650	5,327
West_Chester	60	20	40	-7	0.05	1	38.80	8.36	80	3,265	21	5,350
Lancaster	57	23	41	-3	0.01	1	27.64	-0.51	76	3,373	307	5,460
Neshaminy Falls	66	21	43	-2	0.06	2	30.50	-1.47	75	3,492	468	5,614
New Holland	62	22	44	0	0.08	1	30.80	2.65	72	3,571	505	5,723
Philadelphia	62	28	45	-3	0.02	1	37.41	10.39	74	4,153	577	6,359
Philadelphia NE	62	27	45	-3	0.02	2	27.78	0.76	81	3,888	312	6,068
Reading	60	26	43	-2	0.03	1	28.62	-1.33	77	3,679	679	5,820
Sellersville	58	20	39	-6	0.04	1	33.60	5.56	75	3,102	210	5,157
Doylestown_AG	59	25	42	-3	0.06	2	34.96	2.99	78	3,455	431	5,575

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

Air temperatures in degrees fahrenheit.

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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **ADAMS County, Judy A Behney**

Adams County started the mornings this week around 24-26 degrees with heavy frost. Some days warmed to mid 50's. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested in the county. Harvest is a little slower because of lack of storage in the county as mills are full and schedule loads for producers. Wheat and barley planted earlier are looking good and some producers are still planting wheat after their corn and soybeans are harvested.

Apple harvest is pretty much complete now in the county. Some producers had yields affected due to cold temperatures last spring during bloom and then others are having decent yields being reported. Producers are taking advantage of all the daylight we have now since we have changed our clocks to work in the fields. They are hoping to finish their harvesting here soon.

### **CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little**

Producers finishing up their corn harvest.

### **CENTRE County, Dick Decker**

Field work is finishing up. There were a few snowflakes during the week.

### **ERIE County, Nancy L Lewis**

Erie County reports 100% completion of grape harvest

### **FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr**

Corn harvest is down to who has storage space as to if and when it can be harvested. Final seedings of cover crop, baling fodder and spreading manure was this week's work.

### **LEBANON County, Charlene**

Corn harvest continues. The yield has been much above average.

Full season beans also have had higher than normal yields. Most of the small grain cover crops have been planted but there are plans to plant more fields in the next week or so. Now that crops are off the fields, manure is being hauled before the onset of winter

### **SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer**

Activities for the week were harvesting, chopping corn stalks, seeding and preparing machinery for winter storage

### **UNION County, James Brubaker**

Some of the nicest cover crop that we have had for awhile. Finished mowing field edges; ready for winter.

**PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 17, 2013**

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	92	91	85
Corn, harvested	86	89	82
Wheat, planted	96	95	95
Wheat, emerged	81	78	83
Soybeans, harvested	90	89	84

**PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 17, 2013**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	1	1	73	25
Pasture	6	16	46	25	7

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